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Title : HIGH-PURITY RU POWDER, SPUTTERING TARGET  
OBTAINED BY SINTERING THE SAME, THIN FILM  
OBTAINED BY SPUTTERING THE TARGET AND PROCESS  
FOR PRODUCING HIGH-PURITY RU POWDER

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is a timely response to the written Restriction Requirement dated September 8, 2008.

Election

In the present application, Applicants elect without traverse to prosecute the invention directed to a ruthenium powder, sputtering target and thin film. Thus, Group I is elected and includes claims 1 and 8-22.

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